

# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Application Number	09/582,474
Filing Date	June 27, 2000
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Group Art Unit	2871
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Attorney Docket No.	000759

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**Note:** 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53 (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar 20, 2000) 1233 Off. Gazette Pat Office (April 11, 2000) which established RCE practice.

## 1. Submission Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

### a. ☒ Previously submitted

- ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on January 13, 2003.  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
- ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

### b. ☐ Enclosed

- ☐ Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.114
- ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- ☐ Other:

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## 2. Miscellaneous

- ☐ Suspension of Action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months (period shall not exceed three months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- ☒ A check in the amount of \$1,050.00 is enclosed to cover the basic filing fee of \$750.00 and the extension of time fee of \$300.00.
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340
  - ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e)
  - ☐ Extension of Time Fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
  - ☒ Other additional extension of time fee or any other additional fee.

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